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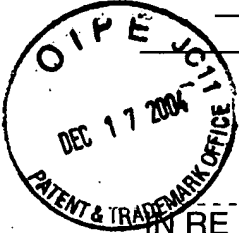
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mavis D. Adam, et al.

Examiner: Deepak R. Rao

APPLICATION NO.: 10/723,478

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Group Art Unit: 1624

TITLE: PHENYL HETEROCYCLYL ETHERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2003 concerning the parent application (i.e., 10/122,698) of the above identified continuation application 10/723,478.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: